

# Solon Wishes Scouts a Happy 55th Anniversary

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Beginning Sunday, Feb. 7,  
and ending Saturday, Feb. 13,  
the Boy Scouts of America  
are celebrating their 55 years  
of service to God and the  
United States of America. It  
all started on a very foggy  
night in London, in 1910,  
when William D. Boyce of  
Chicago lost his way in the  
fog, trying to find his way  
back to his hotel. A boy  
came up to him and said:  
"May I help you, sir?"  
Boyce told the English boy  
the name of his hotel. The  
lad walked with him to the  
hotel and when Boyce of-  
fered him a tip, the boy said:  
"No, thank you, sir. I am a  
Boy Scout! We don't take tips  
from anyone. This is my first  
good turn today." The boy  
disappeared in the fog.  
William D. Boyce never  
learned the boy's name, but  
when he returned to Chicago,

where he owned and pub-  
lished a chain of nationally  
circulated newspapers, in-  
cluding the "Chicago Blade  
and Ledger," Boyce wrote to  
his English friends about the  
unknown boy who was so  
very proud of being a Boy  
Scout, and requested infor-  
mation about organizing Boy  
Scouts in America.

BOYCE'S FRIENDS wrote  
back that they were studying  
him, some books which would  
explain everything. He re-  
ceived a book titled "Scout-  
ing for Boys," by Lt. Gen.  
R. S. S. Baden-Powell, pub-  
lished in England in 1908,  
when Baden-Powell was In-  
spector General of British  
Cavalry. W. D. Boyce also re-  
ceived from the general a  
modest but detailed account  
of how the general had start-  
ed the British Boy Scouts in  
the same year that he had  
written the book, in 1908.

That is exactly how it all be-  
gan in this land of ours.  
In 1905, the official report  
shows that there are more  
than one-half million boys  
and adult leaders who are  
registered members of the  
Boy Scouts of America. This  
number includes Sea Scouts,  
Explorer Scouts, Cub Scouts,  
and Air Scouts. In 1916,  
Baden-Powell organized in  
London what he called wolf  
cubs. A small group of wolf  
cubs was called a den. Sev-  
eral wolf dens combined to  
form a pack. Baden-Powell  
said that he obtained his  
ideas about organizing wolf

cubs from reading Rudyard  
Kipling's "Jungle Books."  
The Cub Scouts of Amer-  
ica's origin was in Iowa City,  
Iowa, where a boy of Troop  
No. 3, Iowa City Council, Boy  
Scouts of America organized  
what he called Cub Scout  
Troop No. 1. He had read the  
English and Canadian wolf-  
cub manuals, though, at the  
time, he was childish, and gave his  
troop close-order drill based  
upon the Infantry Drill Regu-  
lations published by the U. S.  
Army in 1921. There were no  
den mothers. There were no  
male leaders over twenty-one  
years of age who were origi-

nally called "Den Fathers,"  
and later "Den Dads."  
GENERAL Baden-Powell  
died in 1941. William D.  
Boyce said in one of his  
newspaper editorials that he  
could not remember exactly  
when he started the Boy  
Scouts of America, but he  
distinctly remembered that it  
was in 1910, the year he met  
the boy in the London fog.  
Therefore, the anniversary  
week of Feb. 7-13 is tradi-  
tional, rather than a historic  
anniversary.  
Throughout the world,  
there are more than ten mil-  
lion boys who follow the

ideals, motto, and principles  
that General Baden-Powell  
gave to our troubled planet  
in 1908. They belong to all  
the religions, races, and na-  
tions of the world. They  
speak many languages and  
dialects. In Italy they were  
suppressed during the evil  
days of Mussolini. In Ger-  
many, the Boy Scouts were  
driven into hiding by the  
Austrian who called himself  
Hitler.  
In the Soviet group of coun-  
tries, where atheism is re-  
quired for citizenship, a  
Scout is cheerful. 9. A Scout  
is thrifty. 10. A Scout is

that resemble those of the  
Boy Scouts.  
THE OATH of Boy Scouts  
all over the world is:  
"On my honor I will do my  
best: 1. To do my duty to  
God and my country, and to  
obey the Scout Law; 2. To  
help other people at all  
times; 3. To keep myself  
physically strong, mentally  
awake, and morally straight."  
The above wording regard-  
ing the Scout oath, law, mot-  
to, and sign have been copied  
from a dusty little, paper-  
back book I found recently.  
That was my Boy Scout Diary  
for the year 1921. Those  
words were written by Gen.  
Baden-Powell in 1908. I hope  
they never change.

## New 'Officer' Program To Begin at Colleges

Sophomore students in  
eight state colleges will soon  
be offered by the California  
Army National Guard an op-  
portunity to become commis-  
sioned officers upon gradua-  
tion with no interruption in  
academic schedules, accord-  
ing to Lt. General Roderic  
L. Hill, California's adjutant  
general.  
General Hill said the plan  
had the approval of Dr. Glenn  
S. Dunke, chancellor, Califor-  
nia State Colleges.  
The new plan will cut basic  
training to eight weeks, as  
opposed to the previous four-  
to six month required active  
duty. This training will take  
place during summer vaca-  
tion immediately following  
completion of the sophomore  
year and the student will  
complete the training in time  
to return for his junior year.

Guard unit in a community of  
his choice," continued Gen-  
eral Hill.  
Students enrolled in the of-  
ficer candidate program could  
earn more than \$2,000 in  
pay and allowances over a  
two year period.  
Area colleges where the  
program will be available in-  
clude California State College  
at Long Beach and California  
State College at Los Angeles.  
Further details will be  
made available to interested  
students at a series of meet-  
ings to be held on participat-  
ing campuses during Febru-  
ary.

## Small Lights Illegal Says CHP Captain

THE REMAINDER of train-  
ing required for a commis-  
sion will require only one  
weekend a month during the  
academic year and two weeks  
each summer following the  
junior and senior year.  
Upon being commissioned,  
a new second lieutenant will  
have nine months in which  
to complete the approximat-  
ely nine week basic officer  
course of his branch. While  
attending the course he will  
receive officer's pay and al-  
lowances.  
"Once commissioned a man  
will be draft exempt and can  
fulfill the remaining four  
years of his six year Reserve  
obligation by serving as an  
officer at an Army National

Small running lights which  
many automobile owners are  
adding to the front of their  
cars are illegal, according to  
Captain E. L. Greer, com-  
mander of the California  
Highway Patrol of the South  
Los Angeles area.  
"The California Vehicle  
Code specifically states that  
no vehicle shall be equipped  
with any lamps not required  
or permitted by the code, and  
the so-called running lamps  
are neither required nor per-  
mitted," said Greer.  
The patrol commander  
pointed out that driving dur-  
ing daylight hours with the  
headlamps turned on is legal,  
but emphasized that head-  
lamps, not parking lights,  
must be used. Parking lights  
can be used only as turning  
signals or while headlamps  
are burning.

## General To Begin New Rates

The new "after-8" rates for  
long distance interstate tele-  
phone calls throughout the  
U.S. are now effective, ac-  
cording to B. LeBaron, South-  
west Division manager of the  
General Telephone Co.  
The new rates, which are  
the same as the former "af-  
ter-9" rates, apply to station-  
to-station long distance calls  
made after 8 p.m. from one  
state to another.  
It was stressed that "af-  
ter-8" means after 8 p.m. at the  
point of origin of the tele-  
phone calls.  
The charges for these calls  
are a dollar or less, plus tax,  
for the first three minutes,  
depending upon the distance  
of the call. Additional  
charges are made for each  
additional minute.  
Two additional features of  
the revised rates are that the  
"after-8" rates apply all day  
Sunday from 8 p.m. Saturday  
night; and that the 6 to 8  
p.m. weekday rates, which  
are lower than the weekday  
rates, apply all day Saturday.

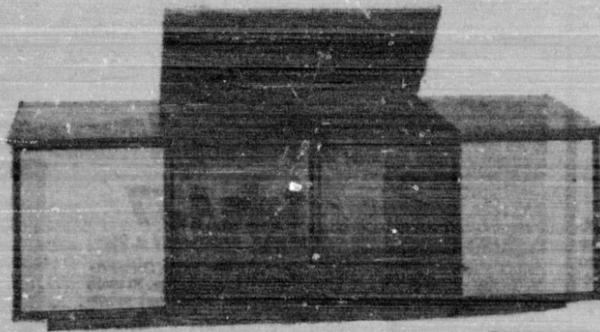
## Course in RE Finance Set at HC

A course in Real Estate  
Finance will begin tomorrow  
evening, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., at  
Harbor College. Fabian A.  
Abram, Southwest financial  
and civic leader, will instruct.  
Abram, president of Mon-  
etary Funding Corp. of Mon-  
terey Beach is a graduate of  
Redondo Union High School,  
El Camino College and Uni-  
versity of Southern Califor-  
nia. He is director of the Re-  
dondo Beach Chamber of  
Commerce and a former di-  
rector of the Redondo Ki-  
wanis Club, the South Bay  
and Cross and the Manhattan  
Beach Chamber of Com-  
merce.

BOW AND ARROW BALL  
Members of the sophomore  
class of Marymount College  
have scheduled their Bow &  
Arrow Ball for Feb. 12 at  
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